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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

This amendment, being made following an Examiner's Office Action, dated July 19, 2000, in the prior case but prior to an Examiner's Office Action in this Continued Prosecution Application case, is intended to fully address the Examiner's previous Office Action. Applicant does not intend to add any new matter by way of this amendment. Applicant believes the application as originally filed meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. for an application suitable for receiving a filing date.

Please amend the above named application as follows:

A. In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 14.